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SUBJECT: NEW RHODESIAN INCURSION INTO MOZAMBIQUE

1. MOZAMBIQUE PRESS AND RADIO REPORTED YESTERDAY (SEPTEMBER 25) THAT RHODESIAN MILITARY UNITS HAVE BEEN CARRYING OUT MILITARY OPERATIONS IN MOZAMBIQUE'S SOUTHERN PROVINCE OF GAZA FOR PAST SIX DAYS. ACCORDING TO NOTICIAS OF SEPTEMBER 25, RHODESIAN PARATROOPS, SUPPORTED BY JET FIGHTERS, LAUNCHED AN ATTACK IN AN AREA BETWEEN CHICUALACULA AND MAPAI ON SEPTEMBER 20. MOZAMBIQUE TROOPS HAVE REPORTEDLY MOVED INTO THE AREA AND FIGHTING IS CONTINUING. THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS ON CASUALTIES OR THE LEVEL OF FIGHTING. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL.

2. COMMENT. IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, THE CHICUALACULA/ MAPAI AREA HAS BEEN THE SCENE OF NUMEROUS RHODESIAN INCURSIONS. IN DECEMBER 1976 RHODESIAN TROOPS DESTROYED THE TROPOSPHERIC STATION AT CHICUALACULA, SERIOUSLY DISRUPTING TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS
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BETWEEN MAPUTO AND BEIRA, AND IN JUNE 1977 RHODESIAN TROOPS EFFECTIVELY OCCUPIED THE TOWN OF MAPAI AND ITS ENVIRONS FOR ONE WEEK. ZIMBABWEAN INSURGENTS USE THE AREA AROUND CHICUALACULA AND MAPAI AS A STAGING POINT TO INFILTRATE TROOPS INTO RHODESIAN; AND RHODESIAN ATTACKS INTO THE AREA ARE DESIGNED TO REDUCE THE RATE OF INFILTRATION, AS WELL AS TO WEAKEN MOZAMBIQUE'S RESOLVE

TO ASSIST THE ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALISTS.
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